Non-reservation of seats for females in transport buses.

84. ✻MR. K. R. NARAYANAN (*Vaikam* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there are inconveniences consequent on the non-reservation of seats for females in transport buses?

MR. K. SANKARAN: Government are not aware of any such inconveniences.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI (*Karunagapally* cum *Karthikapally*): May I know whether the Government Member has ever travelled in a Transport Bus?

MR. K. SANKARAN: Yes, I have.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know whether Government will make arrangements so that some of the responsible officers may travel in Transport Buses?

MR. K. SANKARAN: I believe that even now responsible officers of the Transport Department are travelling in Transport Buses?

Public Examination for Middle School students.

85. ✻MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have decided to hold a public examination for Middle School students for admission to High School; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the reasons for holding a new examination?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The institution of a Public Examination at the end of Form III has been decided on mainly to regulate promotions from Form III to the High School Classes.

MR. VARKALA K MADHAVAN: May I know the purpose of regulating promotion of students?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: The promotion of students is to be regulated with a view to maintain a proper standard for the E. S. L. C. Examination.

Pensions during 1114.

86. ✻MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: Will the Government be pleased to state the amount spent on pensions during 1114?

MR. S. SUNDARARAJAN (*Financial Secretary to Government*) Reference is invited to pages 161 and 165 of the Audit Report and Appropriation Accounts for 1114 supplied to the Honourable Members.

Statement, by caste, of the persons appointed in the Transport Department.

87. ✻MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the persons appointed as conductors, drivers and cleaners in the Transport Department from Chingom 1115 to the 20th Mithunam, and the respective number in each of these sections appointed from among the backward communities?

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MR. K. SANKARAN: The member is referred to the answer at pages 100 to 105 of Vol. XII, No. 3, of the Proceedings of the Sri Mulam Assembly, dated the 13th July 1938.

Appointments made by the Transport Superintendent.

88. ✻ **MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP** (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list, by caste, of appointments made by the Transport Superintendent from 1-9-1114 to 30-10-1115?

MR. K. SANKARAN: The member is referred to the answer at pages 100 to 105 of Vol. XII, No. 3, of the Proceedings of the Sri Mulam Assembly, dated the 13th July 1938.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know whether the honourable member means by his answer that the appointments made by the Superintendent will be found in a report published before that date?

MR. K. SANKARAN: The Member is referred to that page of the report simply to show the principle on which such appointments were made.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: I never asked about the principle. The question is this:—

> "Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list, by caste, of appointments made by the Transport Superintendent from 1-9-1114 to 30-10-1115."

I want only the list containing the names and castes of each person appointed.

MR. K. SANKARAN: The question pre-supposes a principle of communal representation underlying the appointments made. Such a principle has not been accepted by Government so far as Transport Department is concerned.

PRESIDENT: As a matter of fact if the honourable member desires a list of those appointments, is their any objection in furnishing him such a list?

MR. K. SANKARAN: No objection, Sir.

MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether quarterly statements are made of such appointments by the Director of Transport?

MR. K. SANKARAN: Appointments are not made in every quarter of the year but they are made only when new lines are being opened.

MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether the appointments made on those occasions have been published?

MR. K. SANKARAN: The names of the persons appointed are published.

MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: Are not their castes indicated?

MR. K. SANKARAN: No such statements are usually given.

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